

## Thoughts from the Principal – Mike Kelly

Digital citizenship is a new buzz phrase commonly heard in education today. Digital citizenship means more than knowing your way around the web. Digital citizenship means knowing how to interact and collaborate with others through the digital world in a safe, respectful, and responsible way. Schools can promote digital citizenship, but it must start at home.

Vicki Davies, in *What Your Students Really Need to Know About Digital Citizenship* shares the 9 Ps of digital citizenship:

1. Passwords: Do children know how to create a secure password? Do they know that some passwords need to be more secure than others?
2. Private Information: Do children know how to protect details such as their address, email, and phone number?
3. Personal Information: Who do you share this with – how well do you know the person you are communicating with?
4. Photographs: Including street signs and license plates in photographs can provide more information than intended.
5. Property: Do children know how to generate a license for their own work? Do they respect the property rights of others?
6. Permission: Do children know how to cite the work they use?
7. Protection: Do children understand how to limit exposure to viruses, malware, phishing, identity theft, etc.?
8. Professionalism: Can children differentiate between academic and social norms?
9. Personal brand: How do they want to be perceived online? What cookie trail do they want to leave (what happens on the net, does not stay on the net).

The responsibilities of teaching and parenting seem to be changing at an equally fast pace as the technology that children are using today. Along with the 9Ps of digital citizenship is the idea of digital etiquette. Are students using digital technology to increase their learning and draw them closer to others socially or is their digital technology taking them away from each of these? This is a thought for another day, but also a great reflection question when thinking about students' use of digital devices.

Davies, Vicki. "What Your Students Really Need to Know About Digital Citizenship." Edutopia, <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/digital-citizenship-need-to-know-vicki-davis>. Accessed 5 November 2017.

### Important Dates

Mark your calendar!

- Mar 3: RISE Assembly
- Mar 7-11: Course Selections
- Mar 9: Grad Meeting
- Mar 14-24: Spring Break
- Mar 31: Newsletter
- Apr 27/28: Parent Teacher Conference



No student should be absent from the school unless the parent has notified the school of this absence. This includes leaving at lunch. If a student is not going to return after lunch, parents should notify the school of this absence.

You can call the school at **250-865-4674**, use the **SchoolMessenger** app, or email the school at [ess.mailing@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:ess.mailing@sd5.bc.ca) to report any absence.

# Staff Spotlight

Hello ESS,

My name is Jola Wenda. I grew up in Poland. I am a graduate of the Institute of Art at the University of Silesia as well as the Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary.

After completing my studies in Visual Arts and Pedagogy, I moved to New York City where I studied English as a Second Language and explored the artistic world of the Big Apple.

I have been in Canada for more than a decade, living in the picturesque West and East Kootenays.

I am particularly interested in documenting and depicting everyday life moments and feelings through my artistic expressions. The beautiful surroundings of Fernie and the Elk Valley inspire my photography, paintings, printmaking, and mixed-media creations.

When not creating, hiking, or cooking with my family, you can find me teaching Art/Photography/Foods and learning new and exciting perspectives of my students at Elkford Secondary School.



Hello I'm Ruby Clowe. I started at Elkford secondary as an Education Assistant on February 22. I love working with kids. It is a great experience for myself. I love the outdoors and going for walks. I have a great sense of humor and personality. I am really enjoying working with people and making new friends at ESS

## Computers 10, 11, 12

Our senior computers class finished up last semester with a robotics competition. Students had to create a robot that could out compete their classmates. A variety of different strategies were used but Reggie and Savanna's robot prevailed with the simple but effective strategy to use diminutive size and speed to outmaneuver their opponents



## Student council members

Hard at work making Valentine's Day candy grams. Thank you for all the hard work and dedication!



## Senior French

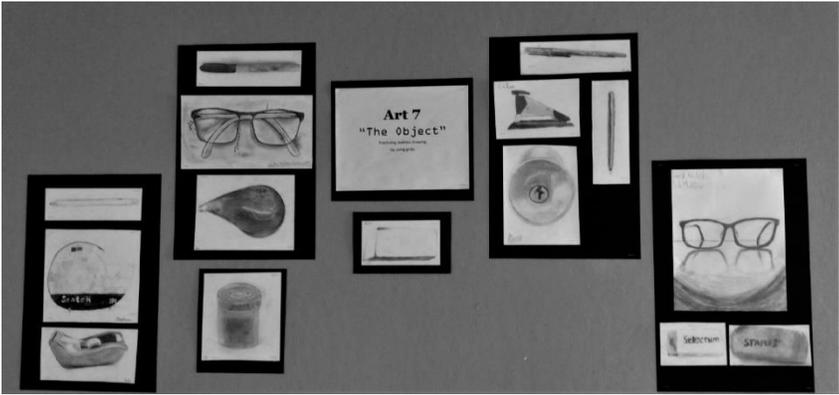
Students have been practicing their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills through storytelling. Meanwhile, French 7 students have been increasing their vocabulary and learning about le Carnaval de Québec. They celebrated their learning by making snow sculptures to rival those at le Carnaval!



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*Vaping or Smoking is Prohibited on **all school property**. If any student requires support with quitting, please see the **School Counselor** for assistance.*



## Art 7

Realistic Drawings of Objects.

Nicole Tanner's realistic drawing of a cat (Art 9)



## RISE TO THE SUMMIT

'Celtic Character Award' celebrates the culture of ESS, while supporting students in developing the character it takes to be successful and happy individuals at school and in the world.

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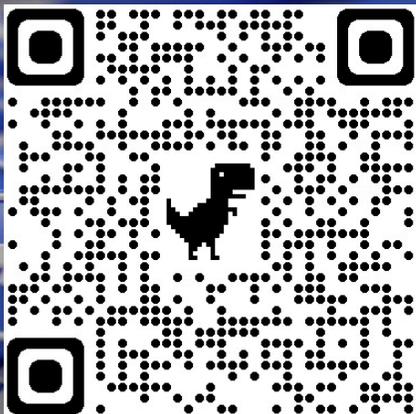
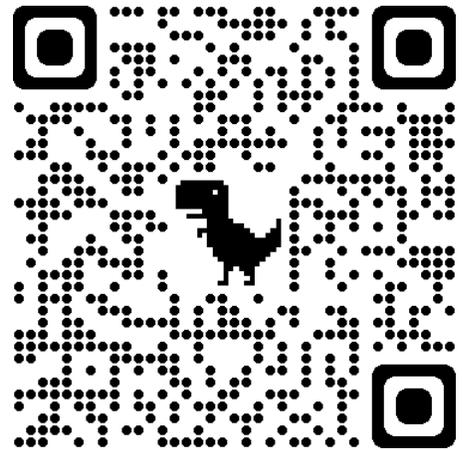
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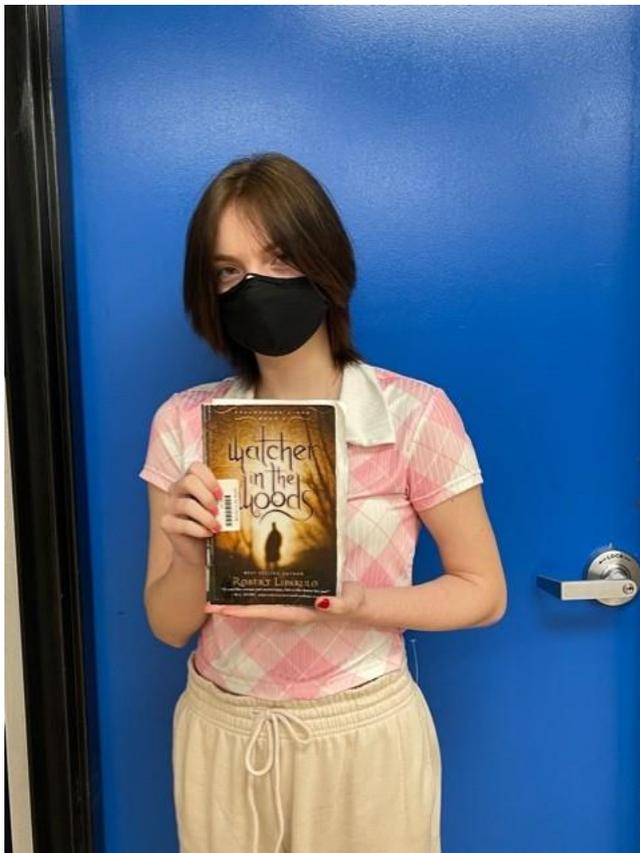
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## Book Nook

“‘Watcher in the Woods’ is a book about a father and his 3 kids named David, Xander and Toria. They move into a strange house that has a portal in it that goes back in time to World War II. There’s a guy that’s been that’s been in the woods behind the house watching them named Taksidian. He’s trying to take the house away, but also the kids’ mother got taken into the portal into the portal and got lost there. The father and the kids aren’t going to leave until they get their mom. I recommend this book to someone who likes mystery. It’s one of my favorite books I’ve read”

Nicole Tanner



On February 4th, our school has the immense pleasure of having a virtual presentation from the heavyweight wrestling champion, Cody Deaner.

Cody hails from Port Bruce, Ontario and has become well known in the Canadian wrestling world. Cody speaks to the challenges he has faced in his own life, as well as challenges he has seen others go through. In 2018, Cody started "Giv'er for Charity", through which he sells merchandise and donates 100% of the proceeds to the charity he has chosen that month.

Cody Deaner's ultimate message was that no matter how hard things may get, there's always a brighter future ahead. Just keep going and keep trying. You must believe in yourself to get to those better days.

Thanks for presenting to our students, Cody!

*“I really enjoyed this speaker because he was funny but also motivating. He was one speaker who has actually been through a lot and was willing to speak about it. Him speaking about the troubles he has been through helps because it's important for people to hear that they aren't the only ones going through the negative times and that it will get better if you keep trying.” - Riley Paton*

*“I really enjoyed Cody Deaner's presentation because it really showed me that no matter what, I should never give up on my dreams.” - Ruby Tennant*



## Math 7

Students were able to show off their designer skills while building Tinkercad houses. There are definitely some future architectural engineers among us! Thanks to Mrs Froehler for her expertise!



## Life Sciences 11 and Anatomy 12

Students show off their dissection skills at the end of first semester. The grade 11s found significant differences in the anatomy of the various invertebrates they dissected. The grade 12s understanding of body systems was commendable as they explained the organs and their functions in the fetal pigs. Great job everyone!



## Aboriginal Education Circle

Elkford Secondary celebrated Have a Heart Day on Feb 11th.

Have a Heart Day is a child and youth-led reconciliation event that brings together caring Canadians to help ensure First Nations children have the services they need to grow up safely at home, get a good education, be healthy, and be proud of who they are.

Students spent time learning the importance of this event and created beautiful hearts to put on display for all students and staff to see.

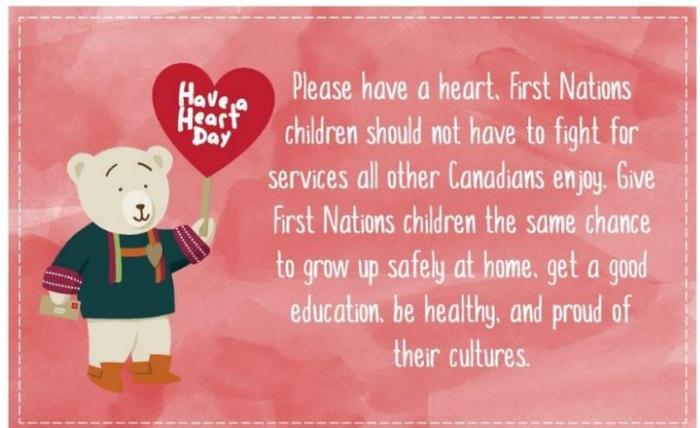
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Have a Heart Day - Send a Letter to the Prime Minister or your MP

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## SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

**MARCH 14 - 18, 2022**

8:30 am - 4:30 pm | Monday - Friday

**This Spring Break, take your child's learning to new heights with a hands-on approach to STEM!**

Our interactive camp-style Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) lesson plans are perfect for fostering a love of learning beyond the classroom.

Students will be engaged through playful, hands-on STEM learning with fun and engaging projects to help keep them focused and enthusiastic.

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College of the Rockies follows the guidance and recommendations from BC's Provincial Health Officer, the BC Government, WorkSafeBC and Interior Health to ensure the health and wellbeing of students, employees and visitors. Camp attendees will be required to follow all orders and guidelines declared by the Provincial Health Officer.

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[cotr.ca/stem-camp](http://cotr.ca/stem-camp)

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# Payments

Making payments to the school has never been easier with SchoolCashOnline. Of course, you can still pay the old fashion way at the office with Check or Cash. Please see the directions below, to pay any outstanding school fees.

## Welcome to SchoolCashOnline

Fast. Safe. Convenient.



School Cash Online is designed with financial security at its core. Parents can rest assured knowing that their payments are securely processed.

### What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online allows parents to easily make online payments for the school fees available to their children.

- ✓ Pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever.
- ✓ Stay connected and informed of all school activities
- ✓ Never miss out on field trips, school events, yearbooks and more
- ✓ Say hello to smart online forms, and goodbye to cumbersome paper based forms for data submissions

### How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

- 1 Create Your Profile:**  
Go to <https://sd5.schoolcashionline.com> and click on "Register".
- 2 Confirm Your Email:**  
Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
- 3 Add a Student**  
Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

### Accepted Payment Methods



## How to Report an Absence

### SchoolMessenger SafeArrival

To report an absence to the school you may choose any of the following methods:

- call 1-833 566-1225
- Access the website  
<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
- download App from Apple or Google Play

Please choose the reason for your child's absence from school: sick, appointment, family vacation, etc. **Don't forget to wait for confirmation # to ensure your child's absence has been recorded.**

## How to sign up for SMS

### School Messenger SMS

Our district utilizes the School Messenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can join by sending a text message of "Yes" or "Y" to **978338**.

Please make sure you are utilizing the cellular number that the school has on record. The cellular phone number for SMS must match the contact information on file.

For more information and detailed instructions visit our support page on the School District Website

<http://www.sd5.bc.ca/studentparent/SchoolMessenger/Pages/default.aspx#/=>



# MyEd Family Portal

Report cards are coming soon. Now is a good time to familiarize yourself with the MyEd Family Portal. Since last year our school has done report cards electronically. Thus, cutting our paper waste and reducing the number of students that lose them on the way home. If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact us at the office 250-865-4674.

Click here for [Family Portal Information](#). Also check out the quick notes below.

## Initial Log In



We recommend to use a **Laptop** or **Desktop Computer** to initialize your account.

**Pop Ups** should be **enabled** for some features of the site to work properly.

Login to MYEDBC: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

Family Portal Login ID: **sd5-firstinitiallastname** (all lower case)

Welcome to MyEducation BC!

1. Enter your **Login ID**  
2. Enter your **Password** (Case Sensitive)  
3. Click **Log On**

1. **Current Password** – enter the temporary password  
2. **New Password** – enter the new user created password  
3. **Confirm New Password** – enter the new user created password a second time

**Passwords are good for 90 days** to protect your child's data and you will be prompted to change your password.

Passwords must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Minimum length is **8**
- ✓ At least one **number**
- ✓ At least one **capital letter**
- ✓ At least one **lowercase letter**
- ✓ At least one **symbol** that isn't a letter or number
- ✓ Cannot contain login name, first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, personal id, or only sequential letters or numbers.

**Security Preferences Update**

To enable self serve password recovery, please provide the following information

1. Enter your **Primary Email address**. This email address will be used to receive a new password if you forget your password.

2. Choose a **Security Question**

3. Enter your **Security Answer** then confirm your security answer. (Case Sensitive)

4. Click **Submit**

This will allow you to use the '**I forgot my password**' function on the logon page, should you need to reset your password.